

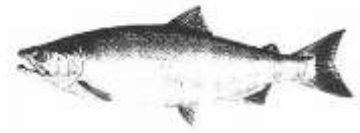
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Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #7

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Effective Monday, June 25, waters of the China Poot Subdistrict excluding the China Poot SHA, and waters of the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon, are open to commercial salmon **purse seine harvest** on a regular schedule of two 64-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 10:00 p.m. Saturday until further notice.

The China Poot SHA is defined in 5 AAC 21.373 as, "the marine waters of the China Poot Bay Subdistrict in the Southern District shoreward of and enclosed by a line from 59° 34.66' N. lat., 151° 19.27' W. long., to 59° 35.08' N. lat., 151° 19.77' W. long., to 59° 33.09' N. lat., 151° 25.22' W. long., to 59° 32.84' N. lat., 151° 24.90' W. long.;"

Within the Southern District, waters of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, the Halibut Cove Subdistrict and the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict remain open to commercial salmon **set gillnet harvest** on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday until further notice. Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict, including both the Port Graham and English Bay sections, will remain closed to commercial and subsistence salmon harvest until further notice as a precautionary measure to protect sockeye salmon returning to English Bay lakes. This subdistrict is anticipated to open to subsistence harvest when spawning escapement levels are tracking to meet the sustainable escapement goal of 6,000 – 13,500 fish. Once this has occurred, harvest of broodstock for CIAA hatchery purposes and commercial set gillnet harvests may occur. As of yesterday, a total of 292 fish passed the English Bay River weir versus a minimum goal of 2,645 fish for this date.

Preliminary commercial harvest to date from the Southern District is shown below,

Period			Sockeye			Chinook			Chum		
Pd. #	Dates	Del.	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest
1	6/1 - 6/2	6	158	1,214	429	31	15	5	6	20	15
2	6/4 - 6/6	7	1,278	700	519	100	9	7	18	16	6
3	6/7 - 6/9	7	894	287	615	90	11	7	28	24	33
4	6/11 - 6/13	9	1,491	707	465	72	16	16	51	27	76
5	6/14 - 6/16	6	903	292	218	55	9	3	47	7	18
6	6/18 - 6/20	8	1,634	382	635	57	6	5	88	16	35
Total-			6,358	3,582	2,881	405	66	43	238	110	183

HATCHERY UPDATE: Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association began cost recovery on Monday, May 21 in Resurrection Bay. As of yesterday, a total of 79,761 sockeye salmon had been harvested. While harvests have decreased in recent weeks, cost recovery will continue at a diminished level. Actual cost recovery harvest vs. anticipated daily harvest by day is shown below.

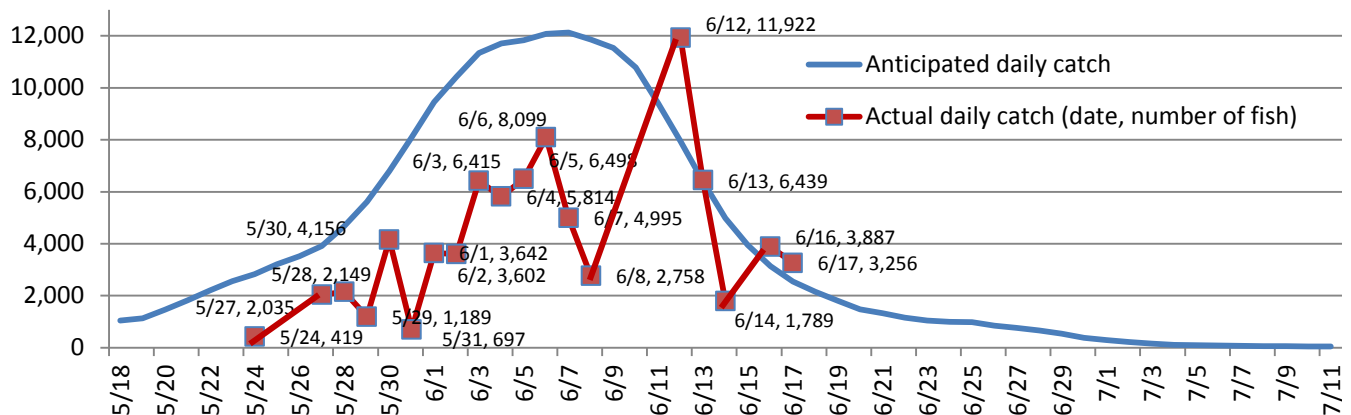


Figure 1.-Anticipated versus actual cost recovery harvest levels in the Resurrection Bay North Subdistrict, as of June 21

The overall cost recovery goal of 1.55 million dollars was to be met using 136 thousand fish harvested from Resurrection Bay and 19 thousand from the Tutka Bay Lagoon return. Anticipated sockeye salmon returns to remote release sites are,

Kirchner Lake - 10,200 fish,

China Poot/Hazel Lake – 6,500 fish,

Tutka Lagoon – 28,000 fish.

KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Kamishak Bay District with the exception of the Chenik, McNeil and Paint River subdistricts, remain open to commercial seine harvest. There has been no harvest reported to date. An aerial survey flown on Wednesday, June 20 documented several hundred fish in both the Chenik and Mikfik lagoon areas. Video cameras installed on June 12 at Mikfik Lake and downloaded on June 20, counted 472 sockeye salmon entering the lake. This compares to an anticipated 3,286 – 6,339 fish that should have entered the lake during this period in order to meet the SEG for this system of 6,300 – 12,150 sockeye salmon. Cameras at Chenik lake are currently being installed.

OUTER DISTRICT: Aerial surveys of portions of the Outer District are anticipated to begin next week.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that all lawfully taken finfish that are retained but not sold must be reported on a fish ticket at the time of landing. Fish tickets have a not sold/home pack block to report these fish. Halibut are not legal to retain from commercial salmon seines or gillnets because these are not legal gear for halibut.

5 AAC 39.010. Retention of fish taken in a commercial fishery (a) A person engaged in commercial fishing may retain finfish from lawfully taken commercial catch for that person's own use, including for the use as bait in a commercial fishery. Finfish retained under this section may not be sold or bartered. (b) Except as otherwise specified in 5 AAC [01](#) - 5 AAC [39](#), a commercial fisherman shall report on an ADF&G fish ticket, at the time of delivery of the commercial catch, the number of steelhead retained from the commercial catch but not sold. For the purposes of this subsection, "delivery" means the offloading of the finfish for sale or for transport to a buyer for later sale.

5 AAC 39.130. Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements (C)(10) the number of fish of any species retained by a commercial fisherman for personal use as specified in 5 AAC [39.010](#);

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be at 2:00 pm Friday, June 29.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.